companies from 1st January, 1988 to 31st October, 1988 under Drug Prices Equalisation Account;

(b) what are the names of the companies and the amount recovered from each;

(c) the names of the companies in whose favour amount under Para 7(2) has been finalised during 1988 upto 31st october but recovery is yet to be initiated;

(d) whether it is a fact that amounts in a number of cases have already been finalised from 1981 onward and communicated to companies but amounts are still to be recovered;

(e) if so, date of finalisation and issuance of communication in each case; and

(f) what steps have been taken to recover that amount and what is the legal position of realisation of interest from due date?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) No amount has been recovered under para 7(2) of DPCO 1979 from drug companies between 1st January, 1988 and 31st october, 1988.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) to (e) The information, to the extent available, is given in the enclosed statement (*See* below). These amounts were assessed between 1984 and 1987 and are disputed by the drug companies.

(f) Necessary action under the process of law would be taken.

Statement

Details of Tentative Amounts assessed under para 7(2) of DPCO, 1979

Sl. No.	Name of the Company	Tentative Amount Assessed (Rs./Ps.)
	Rifampicin	
1.	Biochem Pharmaceuticals	34,27,875.95
2.	Lyka Labs	57,56,747.72
3.	Astra IDL Ltd.	24,10,758.96
4.	Micro Labs.	2,23,725.95
5.	Themis Chemicals Ltd.	36,30,838.00
6.	Alembic Chemicals Labs.	38,72,747.98
7.	Bombay Drug House	1,73,061.00
8.	Pharmed Pvt. Ltd.	68,00,776.80
9.	Dolphin Labs.	18,10,988.20
10.	Albert David Ltd.	3,91,419.00
11.	Pharmaceuticals & Chemicals Ltd.	87,99,326.50
12.	Cadila Labs. P. Ltd.	76,52,433.00
13.	Sarabhai Chemicals	4,13,986.48
14.	Lupin Labs.	2,15,89,000.00
15.	Ranbaxy Labs.	47,77,652.40
16.	Wallace Pharmaceuticals	2,82,071.00
17.	Ethico Drug & Chemical Mfg. Co.	1,40,97,889.00
	Diphyridamol	
1.	M/s. German Remedies	59,95,039.00
	Gentamycin	
1.	M/s. Fulford I Ltd. (Court case)	194.62 lacs
2.	M/s. Biochem Pharma Ltd.	33.88 lacs
3.	M/s. Lyka Labs Ltd.	27.47 lacs

Price approval of Avil Baralgon, Lasix and Daonil

1396. SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 3631 given in the Rajya

Sabha on the 29th August, 1988 and state:

(a) whether his Ministry has approved the prices of all packs and strengths of Avil, Baralgon, Lasix and Daonil range formulations under DPCO, 1979;

(b) if so, what price was approved for each pack and strength of each formulation and what price was charged under DPCO, 1979 for each by the company;

(c) when did the Ministry approve the prices of each of these formulations;

(d) what was the rate on which recovery has been worked out for each pack of Avil, Baralgon, Daonil and Lasix; and

(e) what are the basis on which rate of recovery was worked out in the absence of approved prices of each?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) to (e) The required details, to the extent available, would be collected and laid on the Table of the House.

Price fixation on the basis of purchase invoices

1397. SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 3599 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 29th August, 1988 and state:

(a) what are the names of the formulations for which price were fixed from January 1988 to date after verification of purchase invoices of bulk drugs;

(b) whether it is a fact that his Ministry is not verifying the purchase invoices before fixing the prices of finished medicines in most of the cases;

(c) whether it is also a fact that non-verification of purchase invoices is giving unintended benefit to the formulators and is against the interests of the consumers;

(d) whether it is also a fact that this is being encouraged and abetted by his Ministry only through the sub-committee of DPRC; and

(e) if so, what steps are being taken by Government to fix prices based on purchase invoices?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) to (e) While fixing the prices of formulations, notified price/weighted average price of the concerned bulk drugs is allowed as per provisions of DPCO, 1987. In the case of imported bulk drugs, average import price furnished by DGHS is allowed, where available.

Price fixation of drugs

1398. SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the prices of a few formulations based on Betamethasone and its salts have been notified in the year 1988;

(b) if so, strength and pack of each of these formulations;

(c) what was the price taken of Betamethasone and its salts on which the prices of formulations have been notified;

(d) whether it is also a fact that still prices of a number of packs, strengths and combination of these drugs are to be notified; and

(e) if so, what are the reasons for non-fixation of prices and by when the same will be fixed?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) to (c) The required details to the extent available are given in the statement